



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

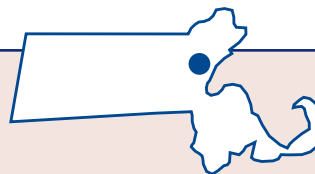
## *Boston Redevelopment Authority, MA*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Boston Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The Belle Island Coastal Preserve is located in East Boston, a community that is disproportionately impacted by environmental stresses related to the presence of major regional transportation, commercial, and industrial facilities. Of East Boston's 38,413 residents, 39 percent are Hispanic. Nearly 68 percent of households in the neighborhood have low or moderate incomes, and the poverty rate is 19.5 percent. Nineteen percent of persons living within a half mile of the site are over 65 years old. Cleanup of the preserve will provide additional public



### Cleanup Grant

**New  
2004**

**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**

EPA has selected the Boston Redevelopment Authority to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up contaminated soils at the Belle Island Coastal Preserve site in East Boston. The site is a former salt marsh that has been used as a dump and fill site by commerce and industry.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields website at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

open space and access to the waterfront/coast, lead to restoration of an acre of coastal wetlands, enhance wildlife habitat and viewing opportunities, and improve water quality in the Belle Isle Inlet and Constitution Bay, a public swimming beach.